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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brandon S. Hoffman

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 19-67 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6-17-04 and 1-22-07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are pending in this office action, claims 19-67 have been canceled in response to a restriction requirement.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS's) submitted on June 17, 2004, and January 22, 2007, are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Li et al. (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0193912).

Regarding claim 1, Li et al. teaches a system comprising a security management system comprising:

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- A network security feedback and control system wherein said security feedback and control system receives a plurality of normalized events and issues at least one normalized command in response to a predefined event in said plurality of normalized events (paragraph 0022-0023).

Regarding claim 2, Li et al. teaches wherein said security feedback and control system comprises a feedback and control manager wherein said feedback and control manager processes said at least one normalized event and generated said at least one normalized command (fig. 3, ref. num 340).

Regarding claims 3 and 13, Li et al. teaches wherein said feedback and control manager includes at least one rules engine wherein said rules engine includes a rule having a condition object that uses information from said at least one normalized event (fig. 3, ref. num 350).

Regarding claim 4, Li et al. teaches further comprising a managed node coupled to said security management system (fig. 1, ref. num 113).

Regarding claim 5, Li et al. teaches wherein said managed node further comprises a security management agent executing on said management node (fig. 1, ref. num 120).

Regarding claim 6, Li et al. teaches further comprising at least one managed product coupled to said security management agent wherein said at least one managed product forwards at least one of said normalized events to said security management agent and receives normalized commands from said security management agent (fig. 2, ref. num 254).

Regarding claims 7 and 14, Li et al. teaches further comprising a security management agent coupled to said network security feedback and control system wherein said security management agent collects normalized events and forwards said normalized events to said security management system (fig. 2, ref. num 254).

Regarding claims 8 and 15, Li et al. teaches further comprising at least one managed product coupled to said security management agent wherein at least one managed product transfers at least one normalized event to said security management agent (fig. 2, ref. num 240).

Regarding claim 9, Li et al. teaches a system comprising:

- An event subscription filter (fig. 2, ref. num 220); and
- A feedback and control manager coupled to said event subscription filter (fig. 2, ref. num 240).

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Regarding claim 10, Li et al. teaches further comprising a knowledge database coupled to said feedback and control manager (paragraph 0013).

Regarding claim 11, Li et al. teaches further comprising a directory coupled to said feedback and control manager (paragraph 0013).

Regarding claim 12, Li et al. teaches further comprising a configuration adapter connected between said feedback and control manager and said directory (fig. 1, POLICY DATA INTERFACE).

Regarding claims 16-18, Li et al. teaches a method/computer-program product/structure comprising:

- Receiving events from managed products by a network security feedback and control system (fig. 2, ref. num 230 and 240); and
- Using information in said events by said network security feedback and control system in dynamically implementing a predefined security policy (fig. 2, ref. num 250 and 252).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon S. Hoffman whose telephone number is 571-272-3863. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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